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MBI Case # || Crime Lab Case #: B20-00000138

Requested by (Agency/Department): Coahoma County, MS Sheriff Department

Type of Incident: Police Officer Involved Shooting (OIS)

Date of Incident || Time: Monday, March 9, 2020 / Approx. 0700 hrs.

Location of Incident: 907 Pecan Street, Clarksdale (Coahoma County) MS
34.2030887N, -90.5959786W

Suspect(s) Charged || Arrested: No

Lead MBI Investigator: Special Agent, Joey Mauney, B-63

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Crime Scene Analyst: Dywana Broughton, MBI CSU

This Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (MBI) has concluded its investigation related to a <Police Officer Involved Shooting that occurred at 907 Pecan Street, Clarksdale, MS 38614. The shooting incident involved Coahoma County Deputy Marcus COHEN (Officer), Coahoma County Deputy Eric BILBRO (Officer) and (Suspect/Victim) Maurice MASON during the execution of a drug search warrant of 907 Pecan Street, Clarksdale, MS 38614.



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CASE INITIATION

Case Number	S20-00000138
Case Type	Police Officer Involved Shooting
Requesting Agency	Coahoma County Sheriff Department
Incident Date Time	Monday, March 20, 2020 0700 hours
Lead MBI Case Agent	Special Agent Joey Mauney, B-63
MBI District Office	Troop E Batesville, Mississippi

Case Agent:

Signature

Date Initiated

LT. Joey Mauney B-63

Printed Rank/Name

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The following agencies/ institutions/ individuals and things are also known as the following throughout this report:

ITEMS	ALSO KNOW AS
Deputy Coahoma County	CCSO
District Attorney Office	DA's Office
Global Positioning System	GPS
MBI Crime Scene Unit	CSU
907 Pecan Street, Clarksdale, MS 38614	Crime Scene
MBI Special Agent	SA (followed by agent's name)
Mississippi Bureau of Investigation	MBI
Mississippi Crime Lab	MCL
Clarksdale Police Department	CPD

Executive Summary:

**- Police Officer Involved Shooting -
- Aggravated Assault -**

The purpose of this investigative report is to outline from all the available evidence the facts and circumstances surrounding the **<Police Officer Involved Shooting> (OIS)** that occurred at 907 Pecan Street, within the city limits of Clarksdale, Mississippi (Coahoma County) on Monday, March 9, 2020 || Approx. 0630 hrs; and involved **Coahoma County Deputy Marcus Cohen, Coahoma County Deputy Eric Bilbro** of the Coahoma County Mississippi Sheriff's Office and suspects/victim: (1) **Maurice Mason**.

I have meticulously and thoroughly reviewed the evidence and relevant material concerning the above-mentioned police officer involved shooting. In addition, I have with the same intensity reviewed the applicable law and policy concerning the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers.

I have outlined my findings and conclusion in the subsequent paragraphs.

Investigative Facts and Circumstances:

1. ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 AT APPROXIMATELY 0600, COAHOMA COUNTY MS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPUTIES AND CLARKSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MOBILIZE AT COAHOMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND ARE BRIEFED BY DEPUTY EDDIE EARL. EARL ADVISED OFFICERS THEY WOULD BE CONDUCTING A SEARCH WARRANT AT 907 PECAN STREET, CLARKSDALE, MS. EARL ADVISED THIS IS THE RESIDENCE OF LADAYTON WILLIAMS. (SEE SEARCH WARRANT).
2. AT APPROXIMATELY 0625, COAHOMA SO DEPUTIES LEON WILLIAMS, EDDIE EARL, ERIC BILBRO, MARCUS COHEN, DEMETRIA MOORE AND OTHA HUNTER ARRIVE AT 907 PECAN STREET ALONG WITH CLARKSDALE POLICE OFFICERS JOHNNY JONES AND FERNANDO HARRIS.
3. AT APPROXIMATELY 0630, OFFICERS ARRIVED ON SCENE WITH LIGHTS AND SIRENS ENGAGED. COAHOMA DEPUTIES MARCUS COHEN, OTHA HUNTER, EDDIE EARL AND ERIC BILBRO APPROACHED THE RESIDENCE AND GAVE VERBAL COMMANDS STATING OFFICERS HAD A SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE HOME. NO RESPONSE WAS RETURNED FROM INSIDE THE RESIDENCE AND DEPUTY HUNTER BREACHED THE FRONT DOOR WITH A RAM DEVICE. ONCE INSIDE THE RESIDENCE, OFFICERS COHEN AND BILBRO STATED THEY HEARD A SINGLE GUNSHOT FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE (SEE STATEMENTS). OFFICERS THEN ENCOUNTERED A BLACK MALE IN THE FRONT LIVING ROOM (LATER IDENTIFIED AS MAURICE MASON) AND FIRED THEIR DUTY WEAPONS STRIKING MASON MULTIPLE TIMES IN THE TORSO AND LEG.
4. AT APPROXIMATELY 0635, OFFICER HUNTER RENDER AID TO MASON AND DISPATCH CALLS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE. PAFFORD EMS IS DISPATCHED TO SCENE.
5. SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, PAFFORD EMS ARRIVES ON SCENE AND TRANSPORTS MASON TO CLARKSDALE HOSPITAL AND MASON IS TRANSFERRED TO REGIONAL ONE TRAUMA CENTER(MED) IN MEMPHIS, TN.

6. AT APPROXIMATELY 0700, MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (MBI) AGENTS JOEY MAUNEY, BRYAN SULLIVANT AND HEATH FARRISH ALONG WITH MBI CRIME SCENE ANALYST (CSU) DYWANA BROUGHTON ARE DISPATCHED TO 907 PECAN STREET, CLARKSDALE, MS TO PROCESS THE CRIME SCENE.
7. AT APPROXIMATELY 0900, AGENTS ARRIVE ON SCENE AND ARE BRIEFED BY COAHOMA SHERIFF CHIEF DEPUTY LEON WILLIAMS.
8. AT APPROXIMATELY 0950, CSU ANALYST D. BROUGHTON ARRIVES ON SCENE AND BEGINS SCENE ANALYSIS AND EVIDENCE COLLECTION.
9. AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 HOURS MBI AGENTS ALONG WITH CSU RENDER SCENE CLEAR AND RELINQUISH RESIDENCE TO COAHOMA SO FOR COMPLETION OF SEARCH WARRANT.

See Crime Scene Analysis below for additional details.

Crime Scene Analysis:

Description & Notes (Check All That Apply) -

- X Residence/ Home ☐ Apartment _____ ☐ Parking Lot/ Garage
- ☐ Business, specify type: _____ ☐ Law Enforcement Facility
- ☐ Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach ☐ Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk
- ☐ Vehicle ☐ Other, specify: _____
- ☐ Inside ☐ Outside

The crime scene is located at 907 Pecan Street, within the city limits of Clarksdale, (Coahoma County) Mississippi. I arrived at the crime scene on Monday, March 9, 2020, at approximately 0900hours. The crime scene was surrounded by yellow crime scene tape and secured by law enforcement officers from the Clarksdale Police Department and the

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Coahoma County Sheriff's Department. Upon my arrival at the scene, I met with Lieutenant Bryan Sullivan (Mississippi Bureau of Investigation). He provided me with an update concerning the location of the involved officers, victims and the suspect. At approximately 0915 hours, I conducted my initial inspection of the crime scene and documented my findings with notes. My findings included, but are not limited to, (a) the house located at address listed (b) yard surrounding residence.

MBI Crime Scene Analyst Dywana Broughton arrived at the crime scene on Monday, March 9, 2020, at around 0850 hours and processed the crime scene (See Broughton's Report of Crime Scene Findings for Additional Details).

Broughton processed the scene and collected the evidence

I departed the crime scene at approximately 1200 hours and traveled to MBI District office in Batesville, MS.

Original Documents || Recordings || Etc...:

All involved agencies will maintain and safeguard all original documents and evidence associated with this investigation that originated from within their departments. This includes, but is not limited to, written reports, pictures, radio logs, 911 recordings, videos, and recovered physical evidence.

Conclusion:

I have concluded that this case be turned over to the District Attorney's office in Clarksdale, Mississippi for further recommendation.


Serious Gunshot Injuries to Maurice Mason::

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental | <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undetermined | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justifiable Shooting – by Police | |

Case Status:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Remains under investigation by MBI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Closed – Requires no further investigation by MBI |

I reserve the rights to amend/update and enhance this report as additional facts and circumstances develop in this case.



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2. MBI Crime Scene Analyst Dywana Broughton
3. ADSi
4. MS DPS Legal



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INCIDENT REPORT

On March 9, 2020, at approximately 0700 hours MBI was contacted by the Coahoma County Sheriff's Department in reference to an officer involved shooting that involved Coahoma County Deputies (Chief Leon Williams, Investigator Eddie Earl, Deputy Eric Bilbro, Master Sergeant Marcus Cohen, Deputy Demetria Moore and Deputy Otha HUNTER.) Also present were Clarksdale Police Department officers Johnny JONES and Fernando HARRIS. The officers listed were to execute a search warrant at approximately 0630 hours at 907 Pecan Street, Clarksdale, MS 38614, known residence of WILLIAMS, Ladayton, B/M, [REDACTED]. The narcotics division was serving a narcotics search warrant for the above address that was signed by Circuit Court Judge Charles Webster, [REDACTED] ed on information provided to the narcotics unit. Upon arrival the sheriff's department announced their presence with lights, sirens and verbally announced that they had a warrant to search the home. When no occupants answered the door, the narcotics team breached the door and upon entry officers heard a gunshot coming from inside the residence. Officers COHEN and BILBRO encountered a black male in the front living room (later identified as Maurice MASON, B/M, [REDACTED]) upon entry and fired their duty weapons striking MASON multiple times in the torso and leg. Officers called 911 and rendered aid to MASON until Pafford Ambulance Service arrived. Also located inside the residence were Ladayton WILLIAMS, Sharon WADE, Willie Joe SAFFORD and Ollie L HARMON. MASON was transported to the Regional One Medical Center (The Med) in Memphis, TN where he underwent surgery for his injuries. WILLIAMS was arrested and booked into Coahoma County Jail on drug charges and all other suspects were released. No officers were injured during this shooting incident.

Coahoma Sheriff's Department was able to collect \$1,104.00 cash in multiple dominations, (1) pill bottle containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana and (1) plastic bag of suspected crack cocaine from the residence. No firearms were collected from the residence. All of the narcotic related evidence collected was placed in the custody of the Coahoma County Sheriff's Department. All officer involved shooting evidence collected will be taken by MBI to the MS Forensic Lab in Batesville for testing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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